Upgradation of Dhodar-Ali Road

1845. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is aware of the public demand to transform the Dhodar-Ali Road into a National Highway;

(b) whether any memorandum has been submitted by Assam;

(c) if so, the decision that has been taken by his Ministry; and

(d) whether it would be transformed within the Tenth Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI PON. RADHAKIRISHNAN): (a) to (d) All the proposals received from different States and Union Territories, including those received from Assam, for declaration of new National Highways were returned to the respective States and Union Territories. New National Highways are not being declared due to fund constraints.

Roads and Highways in Tamil Nadu

1846. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank is providing any assistance to the State Government for Road Highway Sector;

(b) if so, whether Tamil Nadu is also a beneficiary;

(c) if so, the amount sanctioned;

(d) what is the amount released, so far; and

(e) what is the status report of the expenditure to improve the condition of the roads in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) An amount of Rs. 1670.00 crores has been sanctioned as loan by the World Bank for design, construction and maintenance of State